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For : METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING THYROID CONDITIONS
AND FOR MONITORING THYROXINE THERAPY



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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 5, 2002 RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT, PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to a November 5, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 5, 2002 Office Action was due December 5, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$465.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the November 5, 2002 Office Action is now due March 5, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 25-27, 54, 55, 60, 61 and 81-83 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject